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Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund

(exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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New York, New York 10154

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**BLACKSTONE / GSO SENIOR FLOATING RATE TERM FUND**

**BLACKSTONE / GSO LONG-SHORT CREDIT INCOME FUND**

**BLACKSTONE / GSO STRATEGIC CREDIT FUND**

(each a "Fund," and collectively, the "Funds")

345 Park Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor

New York, New York 10154

**NOTICE OF JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**March 6, 2018**

To the Shareholders of the Funds:

Notice is hereby given that the Joint Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting") of the Funds will be held at 345 Park Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10154, on April 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern time), for the purposes of considering and voting upon the following:

1. Shareholders of Blackstone / GSO Senior Floating Rate Term Fund are being asked to elect two (2) Trustees of such Fund, to hold office for the term indicated and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified;
2. Shareholders of Blackstone / GSO Long-Short Credit Income Fund are being asked to elect two (2) Trustees of such Fund, to hold office for the term indicated and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified;
3. Shareholders of the Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund are being asked to elect two (2) Trustees of such Fund, to hold office for the term indicated and until his successor shall have been elected and qualified; and

4. The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

These items are discussed in greater detail in the attached Proxy Statement.

The close of business on February 20, 2018 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Meeting and any adjournments thereof.

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF YOUR HOLDINGS IN A FUND. WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, WHICH NEEDS NO POSTAGE IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.**

By Order of the Board of Trustees of:  
Blackstone / GSO Senior Floating Rate Term  
Fund  
Blackstone / GSO Long-Short Credit Income  
Fund  
Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund

Daniel H. Smith, Jr.  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive  
Officer

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**BLACKSTONE / GSO SENIOR FLOATING RATE TERM FUND ("BSL")**

**BLACKSTONE / GSO LONG-SHORT CREDIT INCOME FUND ("BGX")**

**BLACKSTONE / GSO STRATEGIC CREDIT FUND ("BGB")**

(Each a "**Fund**" and collectively, the "**Funds**")

JOINT ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To be Held on April 18, 2018

## **PROXY STATEMENT**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Trustees of the Funds for use at the Joint Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Funds (the "**Meeting**") to be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, at 345 Park Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10154, and at any adjournments thereof.

This Proxy Statement and the accompanying materials were mailed to shareholders on or about March 9, 2018.

## **Other Methods of Proxy Solicitation**

In addition to the solicitation of proxies by internet or mail, officers of the Funds and officers and regular employees of Computershare Shareowner Services, LLC ("**Computershare**"), the Funds' transfer agent, ALPS Fund Services, Inc. ("**ALPS**"), the Funds' administrator, and affiliates of Computershare, ALPS or other representatives of the Funds may also solicit proxies by telephone, internet or in person. The expenses incurred in connection with preparing the Proxy Statement and its enclosures will be paid by the Funds. The Funds will also reimburse brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the Funds' Shares (as defined below). In addition, the Funds have engaged Computershare to assist in the proxy effort for the Funds. Under the terms of the engagement, Computershare will be providing a web site for the dissemination of these proxy materials and tabulation services.

The Funds' most recent annual report, including audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, is available upon request, without charge, by writing to the Funds at c/o ALPS Fund Services, Inc., 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, CO 80203, by calling the Funds at 1.877.876.1121, or via the internet at [www.blackstone-gso.com](http://www.blackstone-gso.com).

If the enclosed proxy card is properly executed and returned in time to be voted at the Meeting, the Shares represented thereby will be voted "FOR" the proposal listed in the Notice of Joint Annual Meeting of Shareholders, unless instructions to the contrary are marked thereon, and in the discretion of the proxy holders as to the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the Meeting. Any shareholder who has given a proxy has the right to revoke it at any time prior to its exercise either by attending the Meeting and voting his or her shares in person or by submitting a letter of revocation or a later-dated proxy to a Fund at the above address prior to the date of the Meeting.

The holders of one third of the Shares entitled to vote on any matter at the Meeting present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum at the Meeting for purposes of conducting business. If a quorum is not present at the Meeting, or if a quorum is present at the Meeting, but sufficient votes to approve any of the proposed items are not received, the persons named as proxies may propose one or more adjournments of the Meeting to permit further solicitation of proxies. A shareholder vote may be taken on one or more of the proposals in this Proxy Statement prior to such adjournment if sufficient votes have been received for approval and it is otherwise appropriate. Any such adjournment will require approval of the Chairman, the Trustees or the affirmative vote of a majority of those shares present at the Meeting in person or by proxy. If a quorum is present, the persons named as proxies will vote those proxies that they are entitled to vote "FOR" any proposal in favor of such adjournment and will vote those proxies required to be voted "AGAINST" any proposal against such adjournment.

The close of business on February 20, 2018, has been fixed as the "Record Date" for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at each Fund's Meeting and all adjournments thereof.

Blackstone / GSO Senior Floating Rate Term Fund has one class of capital stock: common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.001 (the "**BSL Common Shares**"), while each of Blackstone / GSO Long-Short Credit Income Fund and Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund have two classes of capital stock: common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$0.001 (the "**BGX Common Shares**" and the "**BGB Common Shares**," respectively) and mandatory redeemable preferred shares, liquidation preference \$1,000 per share (the "**BGX Preferred Shares**" and the "**BGB Preferred Shares**," respectively, and together with the **BSL Common Shares, BGX Common Shares and BGB Common Shares**, the "**Shares**"). The holders of Shares are each entitled to one vote for each full Share and an appropriate fraction of a vote for each fractional Share held on such matters where such respective Shares are entitled to be cast. As of the Record Date, there were 15,252,932.600 BSL Common Shares, 12,702,159.600 BGX Common Shares, 20,000 BGX Preferred Shares, 44,664,381.602 BGB Common Shares and 45,000 BGB Preferred Shares outstanding.



In order that your Shares may be represented at the Meeting, you are requested to vote on the following matters:

**PROPOSALS 1, 2 AND 3:**

**ELECTION OF NOMINEES**

**TO EACH FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Nominees for BSL's Board of Trustees**

BSL's Board is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office for one class will expire. Listed below are the nominees for the Fund. Each nominee is currently a Trustee of the Fund. Mr. Jasper and Mr. Schpero have been nominated by the Board for election to a three-year term to expire at the Fund's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, or if later, until such Trustee's successor is duly elected and qualified.

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Expiration of Term if Elected</b>
<b>Independent Trustee/Nominee</b>		
Thomas W. Jasper	Class I	2021 Annual Meeting
Gary S. Schpero	Class I	2021 Annual Meeting

Unless authority is withheld, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxy "FOR" the election of each nominee named above. Each nominee has indicated that he has consented to serve as a Trustee if elected at the Meeting. If a designated nominee declines or otherwise becomes unavailable for election, however, the proxy confers discretionary power on the persons named therein to vote in favor of a substitute nominee or nominees.

**Nominees for BGX's Board of Trustees**

BGX's Board is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office for one class will expire. Listed below are the nominees for the Fund. Each nominee is currently a Trustee of the Fund. Mr. Jasper and Mr. Schpero have been nominated by the Board for election to a three-year term to expire at the Fund's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, or if later, until such Trustee's successor is duly elected and qualified. The following table summarizes the class of each Trustee/Nominee and the class of shares entitled to vote on such Trustee/Nominee:

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Common Shareholders</b>	<b>Preferred Shareholders</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Expiration of Term if Elected</b>
<b>Independent Trustee/Nominee</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Vote</b>		
Thomas W. Jasper	N/A	X	Class III	2021 Annual Meeting
Gary S. Schpero	X	X	Class III	2021 Annual Meeting

Under BGX's Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration of Trust"), Supplement to the Declaration of Trust, and the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), holders of outstanding BGX Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect two Trustees, and holders of outstanding BGX Common Shares and BGX Preferred Shares, voting as a single class, are entitled to elect the remaining Trustees.

Unless authority is withheld, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxy "FOR" the election of each nominee named above. Each nominee has indicated that he has consented to serve as a Trustee if elected at the Meeting. If a designated nominee declines or otherwise becomes unavailable for election, however, the proxy confers discretionary power on the persons named therein to vote in favor of a substitute nominee or nominees.

### Nominees for BGB's Board of Trustees

BGB's Board is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office for one class will expire. Listed below are the nominees for the Fund. Each nominee is currently a Trustee of the Fund. Mr. Jasper and Mr. Schpero have been nominated by the Board for election to a three-year term to expire at the Fund's 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, or if later, until such Trustee's successor is duly elected and qualified. The following table summarizes the class of each Trustee/Nominee and the class of shares entitled to vote on such Trustee/Nominee:

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Common Shareholders</b>	<b>Preferred Shareholders</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Expiration of Term if Elected</b>
<b>Independent Trustee/Nominee</b>	<b>Vote</b>	<b>Vote</b>		
Thomas W. Jasper	N/A	X	Class II	2021 Annual Meeting
Gary S. Schpero	X	X	Class II	2021 Annual Meeting

Under BGB's Declaration of Trust, Supplement to the Declaration of Trust and the 1940 Act, holders of outstanding BGB Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect two Trustees, and holders of outstanding BGB Common Shares and BGB Preferred Shares, voting as a single class, are entitled to elect the remaining Trustees.

Unless authority is withheld, it is the intention of the persons named in the proxy to vote the proxy "FOR" the election of each nominee named above. Each nominee has indicated that he has consented to serve as a Trustee if elected at the Meeting. If a designated nominee declines or otherwise becomes unavailable for election, however, the proxy confers discretionary power on the persons named therein to vote in favor of a substitute nominee or nominees.



### Information about each Trustee's Professional Experience and Qualifications

Provided below is a brief summary of the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills for each Trustee/Nominee that warrant their consideration as a Trustee candidate to the Board of Trustees of each Fund.

The Trustees were selected to join each Board of Trustees based upon the following as to each Trustee: his character and integrity; his service as a member of other boards of directors; his willingness to serve and willingness and ability to commit the time necessary to perform the duties of a Trustee; as to each Trustee other than Mr. Smith, his status as not being an "interested person" as defined in the 1940 Act; and, as to Mr. Smith, his role with GSO Capital Partners LP (collectively with its affiliates in the credit-focused business of The Blackstone Group, L.P., "GSO") and The Blackstone Group L.P. (collectively with its affiliates as the context requires, "Blackstone"). No factor, by itself, was controlling. In addition to the information provided in the table included below, each Trustee possesses the following attributes: Mr. D'Alelio, experience as an investment professional; Mr. Holland, experience as an investment professional and service as a board member of other registered management investment companies; Mr. Jasper, experience as an investment professional in the structured products market and experience concerning risk management; Mr. Schpero, experience as a legal professional specializing in asset management and service as a board member of other registered management investment companies; and Mr. Smith, experience as an executive and portfolio manager and leadership roles with GSO and Blackstone. References to the qualifications, attributes and skills of the Trustees are pursuant to requirements of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), do not constitute holding out the Boards of Trustees or any Trustees as having any special expertise or experience, and shall not impose any greater responsibility or liability on any such person or on the Boards of Trustees by reason thereof.

### Additional Information about each Trustee/Nominee and the Fund's Officers

Set forth in the table below are the Trustees/Nominee and Officers of the Funds, as well as their birth year, information relating to their respective positions held with each Fund, a brief statement of their principal occupations during the past five years and other directorships, if any.

Name, Address and Year of Birth <sup>(1)</sup>	Position(s) Held with the Funds	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
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#### NON-INTERESTED TRUSTEES:

Edward H. D'Alelio	Lead Independent Trustee and	Trustee Since:	Mr. D'Alelio was formerly a Managing Director and CIO	7	Owl Rock Capital Corp.; Owl Rock
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Birth Year: 1952	member of Audit and Nominating and Governance Committees	BSL: April 2010  BGX: November 2010  BGB: May 2012	for Fixed Income at Putnam Investments, Boston where he retired in 2002. He currently is an Executive in Residence with the School of Management, Univ. of Mass Boston.	Capital Corporation II
		Term Expires:		
		BSL: 2020		
		BGX: 2020		
		BGB: 2020		

Name, Address and Year of Birth <sup>(1)</sup>	Position(s) Held with the Funds	Term of Office and Length of Time Served	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee <sup>(2)</sup>	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
Michael Holland Birth Year: 1944	Trustee and member of Audit and Nominating and Governance Committees	Trustee Since: BSL: April 2010  BGX: November 2010  BGB: May 2012	Mr. Holland is the Chairman of Holland & Company, a private investment firm he founded in 1995. He is also President and Founder of the Holland Balanced Fund.	7	The China Fund, Inc.; State Street Master Funds; Reaves Utility Income Fund.
Thomas W. Jasper Birth Year: 1948	Trustee, Chairman of Audit Committee and member of Nominating and Governance Committee	Term Expires:  BSL: 2019  BGX: 2019  BGB: 2019  Trustee Since: BSL: April 2010  BGX: November 2010  BGB: May 2012	Mr. Jasper is the Managing Partner of Manursing Partners LLC, a consulting firm. He was Chief Executive Officer of Primus Guaranty, Ltd. from 2001-2010.	7	Ciner Resources LP.
		Term Expires:  BSL: 2018			

BGX:2018

BGB: 2018

Term Expires  
(if elected):

BSL: 2021

BGX:2021

BGB: 2021

Trustee  
Since:  
BSL: May  
2012

BGX: May  
2012

BGB: May  
2012

<p>Gary S. Schpero</p> <p>Birth Year: 1953</p>	<p>Trustee, Chairman of Nominating and Governance Committee and member of Audit Committee</p>	<p>Term Expires:</p> <p>BSL: 2018</p> <p>BGX:2018</p> <p>BGB: 2018</p>	<p>Retired. Prior to January 2000, Mr. Schpero was a partner at the law firm of Simpson Thacher &amp; Bartlett LLP where he served as managing partner of the Investment Management and Investment Company Practice Group.</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>EQ Advisors Trust; 1290 Funds; AXA Premier VIP Trust</p>
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Term Expires  
(if elected):

BSL: 2021

BGX:2021

BGB: 2021



<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Position(s) Held with the Funds</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Other Directorships Held by Trustee</b>
<b>INTERESTED TRUSTEE<sup>(3)</sup></b>					
		Trustee Since: BSL: April 2010			
		BGX: November 2010			
Daniel H. Smith, Jr. Birth Year: 1963	Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer, Trustee	BGB: May 2012  Term Expires: BSL: 2019  BGX: 2019  BGB: 2019	Mr. Smith is a Senior Managing Director of GSO and is Head of GSO / Blackstone Debt Funds Management LLC. Mr. Smith joined GSO from the Royal Bank of Canada in July 2005 where he was a Managing Partner and Co-head of RBC Capital Market's Alternative Investments Unit.	4	None

<b>Name, Address and Year of Birth</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with the Funds</b>	<b>Term of Office and Length of Time Served</b>	<b>Principal Occupation During the Past Five Years</b>
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**OFFICERS**

Daniel H. Smith, Jr. Birth Year: 1963	Trustee, Chairman of the Board, President, Chief Executive Officer	Officer Since: BSL: April 2010	Mr. Smith is a Senior Managing Director of GSO and is Head of GSO / Blackstone Debt Funds Management LLC. Mr. Smith joined GSO from the Royal Bank of Canada in July 2005 where he was a Managing Partner
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BGX: and Co-head of RBC Capital Market's Alternative  
November 2010 Investments Unit.

BGB: May 2012

Term of Office:

Indefinite

Officer Since:

BSL: March Doris Lee-Silvestri is a Managing Director and Chief  
2016 Financial Officer of

BGX: March GSO. At GSO, Ms. Lee-Silvestri was most recently the  
2016 head of the fund accounting and financial reporting  
group. Before joining GSO in 2006,

BGB: March  
2016

Ms. Lee-Silvestri held a variety of positions at Merrill  
Lynch Investment Advisors and JP Morgan Partners  
within the respective finance and accounting teams. In  
addition, Ms. Lee-Silvestri worked at McGladrey LLP, a  
global public accounting firm.

Term of Office:

Indefinite

Dohyun (Doris) Chief Financial  
Lee-Silvestri Officer and  
Birth Year: 1977 Treasurer

		Officer Since:	
		BSL: September 2015	
Robert Zable	Executive Vice President and Assistant Secretary	BGX: September 2015	Mr. Zable is a Senior Managing Director of GSO. Before joining GSO, Mr. Zable was a Vice President at FriedbergMilstein LLC, where he was responsible for credit opportunity investments and junior capital origination and execution. Prior to that, Mr. Zable was a Principal with Abacus Advisors Group, a restructuring and distressed investment firm. Mr. Zable began his career at JP Morgan Securities Inc., where he focused on leveraged finance in New York and London. Mr. Zable received a BS from Cornell University, and an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.
Birth Year: 1972		BGB: September 2015	
		Term of Office:	
		Indefinite	
		Officer Since: BSL: April 2010	
		BGX: November 2010	
Marisa Beeney	Chief Compliance Officer, Chief Legal Counsel and Secretary	BGB: May 2012	Ms. Beeney is a Managing Director, Chief Legal Officer and Chief Compliance Officer of GSO. From March 2007 to December 2008, she served as Counsel and Director of GSO. Prior to that time she was with the finance group of DLA Piper since 2005.
Birth Year: 1970		Term of Office:	
		Indefinite	
Jane Lee	Public Relations Officer	Officer Since: BSL: November 2010	Ms. Lee is a Managing Director of GSO and Head of GSO / Blackstone's capital formation efforts. Ms. Lee joined GSO from Royal Bank of Canada in July 2005, where she was most recently a partner in the Debt Investments Group and was responsible for origination of new CLO transactions and investor relations.
Birth Year: 1972		BGX: November 2010	

BGB: May  
2012

Term of  
Office:

Indefinite

- (1) The address of each Trustee/Nominee and Officer, unless otherwise noted, is GSO Capital Partners LP, 345 Park Avenue, 31st Floor, New York, NY 10154.  
The "**Fund Complex**" consists of the Funds (Blackstone / GSO Senior Floating Rate Term Fund, Blackstone / GSO Long-Short Credit Income Fund and Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund) and Blackstone / GSO Floating
- (2) Rate Enhanced Income Fund ("BGFREI"), as well as the **Blackstone Real Estate Income Funds**, (Blackstone Real Estate Income Fund, Blackstone Real Estate Income Fund II and Blackstone Real Estate Income Master Fund).
- (3) "Interested person" of the Fund as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act. Mr. Smith is an interested person due to his employment with the Adviser (as defined below).

**Beneficial Ownership of Equity Securities Held in the Fund Complex by each Trustee/Nominee**

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities held in each Fund and on an aggregate basis for the entire Family of Investment Companies overseen by each Trustee.

<b>Independent Trustee/Nominee</b>	<b>Dollar Range<sup>1</sup> of Equity Securities Held in BSL:</b>	<b>Dollar Range<sup>1</sup> of Equity Securities Held in BGX:</b>	<b>Dollar Range<sup>1</sup> of Equity Securities Held in BGB:</b>	<b>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in the Family of Investment Companies<sup>2</sup></b>
Edward H. D'Alelio	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Michael Holland <sup>3</sup>	\$10,001-\$50,000	\$10,001-\$50,000	\$10,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000
Thomas W. Jasper <sup>3</sup>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gary S. Schpero <sup>3</sup>	\$1-10,000	\$1-10,000	\$1-10,000	\$10,001-\$50,000
<b>Interested Trustee/Nominee</b>				
Daniel H. Smith, Jr. <sup>3</sup>	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000	Over \$100,000

This information has been furnished by each Trustee and nominee for election as Trustee as of December 31, (1)2017. "Beneficial Ownership" is determined in accordance with Section 16a-1(a)(2) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "**1934 Act**").

(2) The term "Family of Investment Companies" means any two registered investment companies that:

- (i) share the same investment adviser or principal underwriter; and
- (ii) hold themselves out to investors as related companies for purposes of investment and investor services.

The Funds and BGFREI are in the same Family of Investment Companies.

(3) Ownership amount constitutes less than 1% of the total shares outstanding.

**Trustee Transactions with Fund Affiliates**

As of December 31, 2017, none of the independent trustees, meaning those Trustees who are not "interested persons" as defined in Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act and are independent under the New York Stock Exchange's ("NYSE") Listing Standards (each an "**Independent Trustee**" and collectively the "**Independent Trustees**"), nor members of their immediate families owned securities, beneficially or of record, in GSO / Blackstone Debt Funds Management LLC (the "**Adviser**"), or an affiliate or person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser, other than investments in the Funds and investments in affiliated investment vehicles that, pursuant to guidance from the SEC Staff, do not affect such Trustee's independence. Furthermore, over the past five years, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate families have had any direct or indirect interest, the value of which exceeds \$120,000, in the Adviser or any of its affiliates. In addition, since the beginning of the last two fiscal years, neither the Independent Trustees nor members of their immediate families have conducted

any transactions (or series of transactions) or maintained any direct or indirect relationship in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and to which the Adviser or any affiliate of the Adviser was a party.

**Trustee Compensation**

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation of the Funds' Trustees for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Trustees and Officers of the Funds who are employed by GSO receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Funds.

Compensation Table for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017.

<b>Name of Trustee/ Nominee</b>	<b>Blackstone / GSO Senior Floating Rate Term Fund</b>	<b>Blackstone / GSO Long-Short Credit Income Fund</b>	<b>Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund</b>	<b>Total Compensation Paid From the Fund Complex<sup>1</sup></b>
Edward H. D'Alelio	\$43,000	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$196,000
Michael Holland	\$38,333	\$36,333	\$36,333	\$182,000
Thomas W. Jasper	\$41,667	\$39,667	\$39,667	\$192,000
Gary S. Schpero	\$41,667	\$39,667	\$39,667	\$127,000

Total compensation paid from the Fund Complex includes compensation paid by the Funds, \$65,000 of (1) compensation paid to each of Messrs. D'Alelio, Holland and Jasper by the Blackstone Real Estate Income Funds, and \$6,000 of compensation paid to each Trustee by BGFREI.

Each Fund paid every Trustee who is not a director, officer, employee, or affiliate of GSO or ALPS, a retainer fee of \$23,333 per annum, plus \$2,500 per regular in-person joint meeting of the Board of Trustees. If such in-person regular board meeting was not held jointly, the respective Fund paid each Trustee \$3,000 for each such meeting attended. For each in-person special meeting of the Board of Trustees, each Fund paid each Trustee \$2,000 if held jointly, and \$2,500 per applicable Fund if not held jointly. If a meeting was held telephonically the Funds paid each Trustee \$750 if held jointly, and \$1,000 per applicable Fund if not held jointly. The Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee also each received a retainer fee of \$3,333 per annum from each Fund. The Lead Independent Trustee received a retainer fee of \$4,667 from each Fund. In addition, for each joint meeting of a committee of the Board of Trustees that did not occur on a regular meeting or special meeting of the Funds, the Funds each paid every committee member \$750 for each such committee meeting attended. If such committee meeting was not held jointly, the respective Fund paid each committee member \$1,000 for each such meeting attended. The Funds also reimburse independent Trustees for travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with such meetings.

Effective January 1, 2018, the Funds and BGFREI will pay every Trustee who is not a director, officer, employee, or affiliate of GSO or ALPS, a retainer fee of \$120,000 per annum. The Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee also will receive a retainer fee of \$10,000 per annum from the Funds and BGFREI. The Lead Independent Trustee will receive a retainer fee of \$14,000 per annum from the Funds and BGFREI. The Trustees that serve on the Blackstone Real Estate Income Funds receive a retainer of \$60,000 per annum.



BSL's Board of Trustees met nine times, BGX's Board of Trustees met six times and BGB's Board of Trustees met six times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Each Trustee then serving in such capacity attended at least 75% of the meetings of Trustees and of any Committee of which he is a member.

### **Leadership Structure of the Board of Trustees**

Each Board of Trustees is currently comprised of five Trustees. Daniel H. Smith, Jr. serves as Chairman of each Board. Mr. Smith is an "interested person" of the Funds. The appointment of Mr. Smith as Chairman reflects each Board of Trustees' belief that his experience, familiarity with the relevant Fund's day-to-day operations and access to individuals with responsibility for the relevant Fund's management and operations provides each Board of Trustees with insight into the relevant Fund's business and activities and, with his access to appropriate administrative support, facilitates the efficient development of meeting agendas that address the relevant Fund's business, legal and other needs and the orderly conduct of board meetings. Each Board of Trustees has appointed Mr. D'Alelio as Lead Independent Trustee to ensure that the Independent Trustees have adequate control and influence over the governance of the Board of Trustees. In addition, all committees are chaired by Independent Trustees. Each Board of Trustees has determined that its leadership structure is appropriate in light of the relevant Fund's circumstances and provides for the informed and independent exercise of its responsibilities.

### **Oversight of Risk Management**

Each Board of Trustees' role in risk oversight of the Funds reflects its responsibility under applicable state law to oversee generally, rather than to manage, the operations of the relevant Fund. In line with its oversight responsibility, the Board of Trustees receives reports and makes inquiries at its regular meetings and as needed regarding the nature and extent of significant Fund risks (including investment, compliance and valuation risks) that potentially could have a materially adverse impact on the business operations, investment performance or reputation of the relevant Fund, but relies upon the Fund's management (including the Funds' portfolio managers) and Chief Compliance Officer, who reports directly to the Board of Trustees, and the Adviser to assist it in identifying and understanding the nature and extent of such risks and determining whether, and to what extent, such risks may be eliminated or mitigated. In addition to reports and other information received from Fund management and the Adviser regarding each Fund's investment program and activities, the Board of Trustees as part of its risk oversight efforts expects to meet at its regular meetings and as needed with the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer to discuss, among other things, risk issues and issues regarding the policies, procedures and controls of each Fund. The Board of Trustees may be assisted in performing aspects of its role in risk oversight by the Audit Committee and such other standing or special committees as may be established from time to time by the Board of Trustees. For example, the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet regularly with the Funds' independent public accounting firm to review, among other things, reports on the Funds' internal controls for financial reporting.

Each Board of Trustees believes that not all risks that may affect the Funds can be identified, that it may not be practical or cost-effective to eliminate or mitigate certain risks, that it may be necessary to bear certain risks (such as investment-related risks) to achieve the Funds' goals, and that the processes, procedures and controls employed to address certain risks may be limited in their effectiveness. Moreover, reports received by the Trustees as to risk management matters may be summaries of relevant information and may be inaccurate or incomplete. As a result of the foregoing and other factors, the Board of Trustees' risk management oversight is expected to be subject to substantial limitations.

### **Audit Committee Reports**

The Audit Committee acts according to the Audit Committee charter (the "**Charter**"). Thomas W. Jasper has been appointed as Chair of the Audit Committee of each Fund's Board of Trustees. The Audit Committee is responsible for assisting the Board of Trustees of the Funds in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to accounting and financial reporting policies and practices of each Fund, including, but not limited to, the adequacy of each Fund's accounting and financial reporting processes, policies and practices; the integrity of each Fund's financial statements; the adequacy of each Fund's overall system of internal controls; each Fund's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; the qualification and independence of each Fund's independent registered public accounting firm; the performance of each Fund's internal audit function provided by the Adviser and each Fund's other service providers; and the review of the report required to be included in the Funds' annual proxy statement by the rules of the SEC. The Audit Committee is also required to prepare an audit committee report to be included in the Funds' annual proxy statement as required by Item 407(d)(3)(i) of Regulation S-K. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to the Charter that was most recently reviewed by each Fund's Board of Trustees on November 14, 2017. The Charter is available on the Funds' website, [www.blackstone-gso.com](http://www.blackstone-gso.com). As set forth in the Charter, the function of the Committee is oversight; it is the responsibility of the Adviser to maintain appropriate systems for accounting and internal control, and the independent auditors' responsibility to plan and carry out a proper audit. The independent accountant is ultimately accountable to each Fund's Board of Trustees and Audit Committee, as representatives of each Fund's shareholders. The independent accountant for the Funds reports directly to the Audit Committee.

In performing its oversight function, at a meeting held on February 22, 2018, each Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management of each Fund and the independent accountant, Deloitte & Touche LLP ("**Deloitte**"), the audited financial statements of each Fund as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, and discussed the audit of such financial statements with the independent accountant.

In addition, each Audit Committee discussed with the independent accountant the accounting principles applied by each Fund and such other matters brought to the attention of the Audit Committee by the independent accountant required by Statement of Auditing Standards No. 114, (*The Auditor's communication with those charged with Governance*) as currently modified or supplemented and No. 61, as amended (AICPA, *Professional Standards*, Vol. 1 AU section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("**PCAOB**") in Rule 3200T. The Audit Committee also received from the independent accountant the written disclosures and letters required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, (*Independence Discussions with Audit Committees*), as adopted by the PCAOB in Rule 3526 and discussed the relationship between the independent accountant and each Fund and the

impact that any such relationships might have on the objectivity and independence of the independent accountant.

The members of each Audit Committee are not, and do not represent themselves to be, professionally engaged in the practice of auditing or accounting and are not employed by the Fund for accounting, financial management or internal control purposes. Moreover, each Audit Committee relies on and makes no independent verification of the facts presented to it or representations made by management or the Funds' independent accountant. Accordingly, each Audit Committee's oversight does not provide an independent basis to determine that management has maintained appropriate accounting and/or financial reporting principles and policies, or internal controls and procedures designed to assure compliance with accounting standards and applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, each Audit Committee's considerations and discussions referred to above do not provide assurance that the audit of each Fund's financial statements has been carried out in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on its consideration of the audited financial statements and the discussions referred to above with management and the Funds' independent accountant, and subject to the limitations on the responsibilities and role of the Audit Committee set forth in the Charter and those discussed above, each Audit Committee recommends to the Funds' Board of Trustees that each Fund's audited financial statements be included in the Funds' Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

SUBMITTED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF EACH FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Thomas W. Jasper, Audit Committee Chairman

Edward H. D'Alelio

Michael Holland

Gary S. Schpero

February 22, 2018

Each Fund's Audit Committee met three times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Each Fund's Audit Committee is composed of four Independent Trustees, namely Messrs. D'Alelio, Jasper, Holland and Schpero. None of the members of each of the Audit Committees is an "interested person" of the Fund.

Based on the findings of each Audit Committee, each Board of Trustees has determined that Thomas W. Jasper is each Fund's "audit committee financial expert," as defined in the rules promulgated by the SEC, and as required by NYSE Listing Standards. Thomas W. Jasper serves as the Chairman of each Audit Committee.



## **Nominating and Governance Committee**

Each Fund's Board of Trustees has a Nominating and Governance Committee that is responsible for selecting and nominating candidates for election as Trustees to the Board of Trustees of the Fund. The members of the Nominating and Governance Committee are Edward H. D'Alelio, Michael Holland, Thomas W. Jasper and Gary S. Schpero, all of whom have been determined not to be "interested persons" of the Fund under the 1940 Act and who are "independent" as defined in the NYSE listing standards. Mr. Schpero serves as Chairman of each Nominating and Governance Committee. Each Fund's Nominating and Governance Committee met three times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017.

When vacancies or creations occur, each Nominating and Governance Committee will consider Trustee candidates recommended by a variety of sources to nominate for election by each Fund's shareholders. Each Nominating and Governance Committee may accept nominees recommended by a shareholder as it deems appropriate. Shareholders who wish to recommend a nominee for a Fund's Board of Trustees should send recommendations to the relevant Fund's Secretary that include all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for the election of Trustees. A recommendation must be accompanied by a written consent of the individual to stand for election if nominated by the Board of Trustees and to serve if elected by the shareholders. In considering Trustee candidates, each Nominating and Governance Committee will take into consideration the interest of shareholders, the needs of the Board of Trustees and the Trustee candidate's qualifications, which include but are not limited to, the quality and diversity of the individual's professional experience, education, individual qualification or skills.

Any shareholder recommendation described above must be sent to the relevant Fund's Secretary at 345 Park Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10154. Each Fund's Nominating and Governance Committee charter is available on the Funds' website ([www.blackstone-gso.com](http://www.blackstone-gso.com)).

## **Valuation Committee**

None of the Funds has a Valuation Committee. Each Board of Trustees has delegated day-to-day responsibility for implementing the valuation process pursuant to policies and procedures approved by each Board of Trustees to the Adviser (including a committee of the Adviser that values fair valued assets) and ALPS.

## **Compensation Committee**

None of the Funds has a Compensation Committee, however the Nominating and Governance Committee also reviews compensation arrangements for the Independent Trustees and submits its recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

## **Other Board Related Matters**

The Funds do not require Trustees to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

## **REQUIRED VOTE**

### **Blackstone / GSO Senior Floating Rate Term Fund**

The election of each of Messrs. Jasper and Schpero (Class I) for Trustee of the Fund requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast by holders of BSL Common Shares represented at the Meeting, if a quorum is present.

### **Blackstone / GSO Long-Short Credit Income Fund**

The election of Mr. Jasper (Class III) for Trustee of the Fund requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast by holders of BGX Preferred Shares (voting as a single class) represented at the Meeting, if a quorum is present. The election of Mr. Schpero (Class III) for Trustee of the Fund requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast by holders of BGX Common Shares and BGX Preferred Shares (voting together as a single class) represented at the Meeting, if a quorum is present.

### **Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund**

The election of Mr. Jasper (Class II) for Trustee of the Fund requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast by holders of BGB Preferred Shares (voting as a single class) represented at the Meeting, if a quorum is present. The election of Mr. Schpero (Class II) for Trustee of the Fund requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a plurality of the votes cast by holders of BGB Common Shares and BGB Preferred Shares (voting together as a single class) represented at the Meeting, if a quorum is present.

EACH FUND'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INCLUDING THE "NON-INTERESTED" TRUSTEES, UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE FUND'S RESPECTIVE NOMINEES.



The following table shows the ownership of applicable Shares by each of the Trustees, the Trustees and Executive Officers of each Fund as a group and the persons or organizations known to each Fund to be beneficial owners of more than 5% of a Fund's outstanding applicable Shares.

**Trustees and Executive Officers**

<b>Name &amp; Address<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Percentage of Shares Held</b>	<b>Total Shares Owned</b>
<b>BSL Common Shares<sup>2</sup></b>		
Edward H. D'Alelio	0%	0
Michael Holland	<1%	1,000
Thomas W. Jasper	0%	0
Gary S. Schpero	<1%	250
Daniel H. Smith, Jr.	<1%	12,662
Dohyun (Doris) Lee-Silvestri	0%	0
All Trustees and Executive Officers as a group	<1%	13,912

**BGX Common Shares<sup>2</sup>**

Edward H. D'Alelio	0%	0
Michael Holland	<1%	1,000
Thomas W. Jasper	0%	0
Gary S. Schpero	<1%	265
Daniel H. Smith, Jr.	<1%	11,651
Dohyun (Doris) Lee-Silvestri	0%	0
All Trustees and Executive Officers as a group	<1%	12,916

**BGX Preferred Shares<sup>2</sup>**

Edward H. D'Alelio	0%	0
Michael Holland	0%	0
Thomas W. Jasper	0%	0
Gary S. Schpero	0%	0
Daniel H. Smith, Jr.	0%	0
Dohyun (Doris) Lee-Silvestri	0%	0
All Trustees and Executive Officers as a group	0%	0

**BGB Common Shares<sup>2</sup>**

Edward H. D'Alelio	0%	0
Michael Holland	<1%	1,000
Thomas W. Jasper	0%	0
Gary S. Schpero	<1%	265
Daniel H. Smith, Jr.	<1%	20,349
Dohyun (Doris) Lee-Silvestri	0%	0
All Trustees and Executive Officers as a group	<1%	21,614

**BGB Preferred Shares<sup>2</sup>**

Edward H. D'Alelio	0%	0
Michael Holland	0%	0
Thomas W. Jasper	0%	0
Gary S. Schpero	0%	0
Daniel H. Smith, Jr.	0%	0
Dohyun (Doris) Lee-Silvestri	0%	0
All Trustees and Executive Officers as a group	0%	0

**5% or Greater Shareholders**

**BSL Common Shares<sup>3</sup>**

First Trust Portfolios L.P.

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

First Trust Advisors L.P.

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400      21.41%(a)      3,264,213 (a)

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

The Charger Corporation

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Bank of America Corporation

Bank of America Corporate Centre

5.11%      779,210

100 N Tryon Street

Charlotte, NC 28255

Morgan Stanley

1585 Broadway

New York, New York 10036

6.0%(b)      924,287

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC

1585 Broadway

New York, New York 10036



**BGX Common Shares<sup>3</sup>**

First Trust Portfolios L.P.

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

First Trust Advisors L.P.

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Wheaton, Illinois 60187

20.47%<sup>(a)</sup> 2,599,644<sup>(a)</sup>

The Charger Corporation

120 East Liberty Drive, Suite 400

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

**BGX Preferred Shares<sup>3</sup>**

Voya Financial

230 Park Avenue

New York NY 10169

Sun Life Financial Inc.

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada

150 King Street West

Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 1J9

50.00% 10,000

50.00% 10,000

**BGB Common Shares<sup>3</sup>**

JPMorgan Chase & Co.

270 Park Ave. 6.3% 2,836,877

New York, NY 10017

**BGB Preferred Shares<sup>3</sup>**

Sun Life Financial Inc.

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada

55.55% 25,000

150 King Street West

Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 1J9

Voya Financial

230 Park Avenue 44.4% 20,000

New York NY 10169

(a) First Trust Portfolios L.P., First Trust Advisors L.P. and The Charger Corporation filed their schedule 13G jointly and did not differentiate holdings as to each entity.

(b) Includes shares beneficially owned by Morgan Stanley subsidiary, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC.

(1) The address for each Trustee of each Fund is 345 Park Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10154.

(2) The table above shows Trustees' and Executive Officers' ownership of Shares of each Fund as of December 31, 2017.

(3) The table above shows 5% or greater shareholders' ownership of Shares as of December 31, 2017. The information contained in this table is based on Schedule 13G filings made on or before February 20, 2018.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Deloitte & Touche LLP, 1601 Wewatta Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado 80202, served as each Fund's independent registered public accounting firm for the Funds' fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. None of the Funds knows of

any direct financial or material indirect financial interest of Deloitte in any Fund. A representative of Deloitte will not be present at the Meeting, but will be available by telephone and will have an opportunity to make a statement, if asked, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

### **Principal Accounting Fees and Services**

The following table sets forth for each Fund the aggregate fees billed by Deloitte for each Fund's last two fiscal years, as a result of professional services rendered for:

(1) **Audit Fees** for professional services provided by Deloitte for the audit of each Fund's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements;

(2) **Audit-Related Fees** for assurance and related services by Deloitte that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of each Fund's financial statements and are not reported under "Audit Fees";

(3) **Tax Fees** for professional services by Deloitte for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning; and

(4) **All Other Fees** for products and services provided by Deloitte other than those services reported in above under "Audit Fees," "Audit Related Fees" and "Tax Fees".

(5) **Non-Audit Fees** billed by Deloitte for services rendered to each Fund, and rendered to the Funds' Adviser, and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to a Fund.

**Blackstone / GSO Senior Floating Rate Term Fund**

Audit Fees		Audit-Related Fees		Tax Fees		All Other Fees		Non-Audit Fees	
2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
\$87,900	\$85,600	\$0	\$0	\$8,663	\$7,545	\$0	\$0	\$8,663	\$7,545

**Blackstone / GSO Long-Short Credit Income Fund**

Audit Fees		Audit-Related Fees		Tax Fees		All Other Fees		Non-Audit Fees	
2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
\$87,900	\$85,600	\$0	\$0	\$8,663	\$7,545	\$0	\$0	\$8,663	\$7,545

**Blackstone / GSO Strategic Credit Fund**

Audit Fees		Audit-Related Fees		Tax Fees		All Other Fees		Non-Audit Fees	
2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
\$87,900	\$85,600	\$0	\$0	\$8,663	\$7,545	\$0	\$0	\$8,663	\$7,545

Each Fund's Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee pre-approve (i) all audit and non-audit services that the Fund's independent auditors provide to the Fund, and (ii) all non-audit services that the Fund's independent auditors provide to the Adviser and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with



the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund, if the engagement relates directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund; provided that the Committee may implement policies and procedures by which such services are approved other than by the full Committee prior to their ratification by the Committee. All of the audit, audit-related, tax and other services described above for which Deloitte billed each Fund fees for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

## **The Investment Adviser and Administrator**

GSO / Blackstone Debt Funds Management LLC is each Fund's investment adviser.

ALPS is the administrator for each Fund, and its business address is 1290 Broadway, Suite 1100, Denver, Colorado 80203.

## **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the 1934 Act and Section 30(h) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder, require each Fund's officers, portfolio managers and Trustees, the Adviser, affiliated persons of the Adviser, and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of a registered class of a Fund's Shares to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the NYSE and to furnish the relevant Fund with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file. Based solely on a review of the reports filed with the SEC and upon representations that no applicable Section 16(a) forms were required to be filed, each Fund believes that during fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to the Funds' officers, Trustees and greater than 10% beneficial owners were complied with.

## **Broker Non-Votes and Abstentions**

The affirmative vote of a plurality of votes cast for a nominee by the holders entitled to vote for a particular nominee is necessary for the election of such nominee.

For the purpose of electing a nominee, abstentions or broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the election. Abstentions or broker non-votes, however, will be considered to be present at the Meeting for purposes of determining the existence of each Fund's quorum.

Shareholders of each Fund will be informed of the voting results of the Meeting in the Funds' Semi-Annual Report dated June 30, 2018.

## **OTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE MEETING**

The Trustees of each Fund do not intend to present any other business at the Meeting, nor are they aware that any shareholder intends to do so. If, however, any other matters, including adjournments, are properly brought before the Meeting, the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy will vote thereon in accordance with their judgment.

### **Shareholder Communications with Board of Trustees**

Shareholders may mail written communications to a Fund's full Board of Trustees, to committees of the Board or to specified individual Trustees in care of the Secretary of the relevant Fund, 345 Park Avenue, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10154. All shareholder communications received by the Secretary will be forwarded promptly to the relevant Board of Trustees, the relevant Board of Trustees' committee or the specified individual Trustees, as applicable, except that the Secretary may, in good faith, determine that a shareholder communication should not be so forwarded if it does not reasonably relate to a Fund or its operations, management, activities, policies, service providers, Board of Trustees, officers, shareholders or other matters relating to an investment in a Fund or is purely ministerial in nature.

## SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Any shareholder proposal to be considered for inclusion in the Funds' proxy statement and form of proxy for the annual meeting of shareholders to be held in 2018 should have been received by the Secretary of the relevant Fund no later than November 3, 2017. To submit a shareholder proposal for a Fund's 2019 annual meeting for inclusion in the Fund's proxy statement and form of proxy, a shareholder is required to send a Fund a notice of, and specified information with respect to any proposals pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the 1934 Act by November 3, 2018. In addition, pursuant to each Fund's By-Laws, a shareholder is required to give to a Fund notice of, and specified information with respect to, any proposals that such shareholder intends to present at the 2019 annual meeting not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day, nor earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day, prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. Under the circumstances described in, and upon compliance with, Rule 14a-4(c) under the 1934 Act, a Fund may solicit proxies in connection with the 2019 annual meeting which confer discretionary authority to vote on any shareholder proposals of which the Secretary of the relevant Fund does not receive notice in accordance with the aforementioned date. Timely submission of a proposal does not guarantee that such proposal will be included.

**IF VOTING BY PAPER PROXIES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PROXIES BE RETURNED PROMPTLY. SHAREHOLDERS WHO DO NOT EXPECT TO ATTEND A MEETING ARE THEREFORE URGED TO COMPLETE, SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.**

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